Remarks

Claims 1-27 are now pending in this application. Claims 22-24 are allowed. Claims 17 and 19-21 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 11 is objected to. Claims 1-21 are rejected. Claims 4, 11, and 18 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Claims 25, 26, and 27 have been newly added. Claims 5, 7, 12, 17, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2003 for the above-identified patent application from November 5, 2003 through and including February 5, 2004. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$950.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

The objection to the drawings is respectfully traversed. Applicant submits a substitute set of formal drawings. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The requirement for a new oath or declaration is respectfully traversed. Applicant submits a new declaration to fulfill the requirement.

The objection to Claim 11 is respectfully traversed. Claim 11 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to Claim 11 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that the specification, including the figures, would enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention as described in the above-referenced patent application.

Claims 4, 11, and 18 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to Claims 4, 11, and 18 under Section 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Office Action indicates on page 3, "Claims 1 & 8 are non-enabling because the phrase 'at least one device' is so broad that it encompasses virtually every type of device known to man. What type of device? The Examiner is not capable of determining the metes and bounds of the claim with such a broad limitation." Applicant respectfully submits that the specification, including the Figures, would enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention as described in Claims 1 and 8. Specifically, the specification describes, for example, in paragraphs 15 and 16, "In one embodiment, devices 14 are computers including a network browser...In an alternative embodiment, devices are servers for a network of customer devices. Alternatively, devices 14 are any devices capable of interconnecting to a network including a network-based phone or other network-based connectable equipment." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1 and 8 under Section 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim 4 has been canceled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 depend, directly or indirectly, on independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicants respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 under Section 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 10, and 12-16 depend, directly or indirectly, on independent Claim 8. When the recitations of Claims 9, 10, and 12-16 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 8, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 9, 10, and 12-16 under Section 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to Claims 1-16 and 18 under Section 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 5-6 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5 and 17 have been amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, to Claims 5 and 17 be withdrawn.

Claim 6 depends on Claim 5. When the recitations of Claim 6 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 5, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 6 under Section 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim 18 has been canceled. Claims 19-21 depend, directly or indirectly, on Claim 17. When the recitations of Claims 19-21 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 17, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 19-21 under Section 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 5-6 and 17-21 under Section 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Newly added Claim 25 depends from independent Claim 1, which is submitted to be in condition for allowance. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 25 is also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Newly added Claim 26 depends from independent Claim 8, which is submitted to be in condition for allowance. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 26 is also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Newly added Claim 27 depends from independent Claim 17, which is submitted to be in condition for allowance. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 27 is also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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